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POLITICAL ASYLEE IN BRAZILIAN EMBASSY

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1. THE HAITIAN GOVERNMENT HAS FINALLY GRANTED SAFE CONDUCT TO AN OPPOSITIONIST LEADER AND FORMER DEPUTY, GERSON C. ZAMOR, WHO IN OCTOBER 1975 WAS GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE (REFTELS). ZAMOR WAS ARRESTED AND STRIPPED OF HIS PARLIAMENTARY STATUS IN 1970 ON CHARGES OF HAVING PARTICIPATED IN THE COAST GUARD REBELLION. FOLLOWING HIS RELEASE, HE WENT INTO HIDING AND WHEN HE FEARED REARREST SOUGHT, AND GAINED, ASYLUM.

2. DESPITE REPEATED BRAZILIAN REPRESENTATIONS, HAITIAN GOVERNMENT HAD FOR FOURTEEN MONTHS REFUSED TO GRANT ZAMOR SAFE CONDUCT, PLACING A STRAIN ON BILATERAL RELATIONS. BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR COMPLAINED THAT HE HAD BECOME AN INN-KEEPER AND PREDICTED GLOOMILY THAT ZAMOR WOULD TURN INTO ANOTHER MINDSZENTY.
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3. ZAMOR WILL DEPART HAITIAN DECEMBER 27 FOR BRAZIL AND FROM THERE WILL EVENTUALLY TRY TO JOIN HIS RELATIVES IN CANADA. WE HAVE ZAMOR ONE WAY TRANSIT VISA, PROPERLY ANNOTATED, TO ENABLE HIM TO MAKE CONNECTION IN MIAMI WITH VARIG FLIGHT SAME

DAY, BRAZILIAN EMBASSY OFFICER WILL ACCOMPANY HIM
THROUGHOUT TRIP.

4. COMMENT: BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR ASSURES ME THAT
ZAMOR HAS NO INTENTION OF EITHER APPLYING FOR
ASYLUM IN U.S. OR REFUSING TO BOARD PLANE IN MIAMI
(A PROSPECT WHICH CAUSED SOME CONCERN LAST YEAR WHEN
IT APPEARED THAT SOME OF HIS FAMILY WAS IN U.S.).
ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR, ZAMOR NOW SEEKS A FRENCH-
SPEAKING ENVIRONMENT IN CANADA WITH HIS FAMILY AND
SEES BRAZIL AS THE ONLY WAY-STATION AVAILABLE TO
HIM TO ACCOMPLISH THAT PURPOSE. NEVERTHELESS, WE
HAVE ALERTED INS MIAMI TO HELP FACILITATE TRANSIT.
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